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Honorable Clement J. Zablocki
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Zablocki:

Thank you for your letter of 23 January
recommending Brig. Gen. William Ray Peers for
the position of Deputy Director of Central
Intelligence.

I very much appreciate having your words
of support on behalf of Brig. Gen. Peers and
you may be sure he will be considered along
with other candidates who have been proposed
for this position.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John A. McCone

Director

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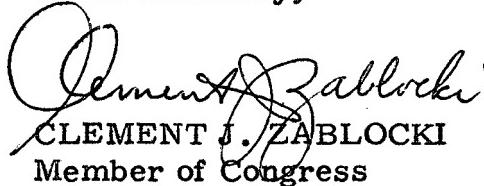
Dear Mr. McCone:

Since I noticed that, in the course of the Senate hearing, it was indicated that a person with a military background may be preferred for the position of Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, I would like to recommend Brigadier General William Ray Peers to your attention.

General Peers is presently serving as the Chief of the Joint Chiefs of Staff liaison group to the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff in Omaha. During World War II, he was Commanding Officer of Detachment 101, Office of Strategic Services, India-Burma Theatre, and has held many assignments in Army Intelligence since that time. In view of his record in the field of Intelligence, I believe General Peers is qualified for the position as your Deputy.

With best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,


CLEMENT J. ZABLOCKI
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
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Honorable John McCone
Office of the Director
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The Honorable Prescott Bush
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Pres:

I very much appreciate your note advising me of your conversation with Congressman MacGregor concerning Brig. Gen. William Ray Peers.

I have now received a letter from Congressman MacGregor concerning Gen. Peers and am writing to assure him that I will certainly bear Gen. Peers in mind along with other candidates who have been proposed.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

JOHN A. MCCONE
Director

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Senate in Case
United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

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Senator-

Rep. Clark McGregor (R-Minn.)
read in today's Wash. News that you and
Senator Russell strongly urged Mr. McCone
to appoint a military man as his deputy
in CIA.

McGregor would like to recommend in
strongest terms his former C.O. in the
O.S.S. -- now Brig. Gen. Wm. Ray Peers,
Chief of the JCS liaison group at Omaha ,
Neb.

McGregor asks that you 'phone him--
Ext. 2871 -- this afternoon, or tomorrow
morning.

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Honorable Clark MacGregor
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. MacGregor:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 20th concerning Brig. Gen. William Ray Peers. I very much appreciate your bringing General Peers to my personal attention, and you may be sure that I will bear him in mind along with other candidates who have been proposed for the position in question.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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John A. McCone
Director

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

January 20, 1962

The Honorable John McCone, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

I am writing you at the suggestion of Senator Prescott Bush to highly recommend Brigadier General William Ray Peers for your consideration, should it be your decision to appoint a military man as your Deputy Director.

General Peers is now serving in Omaha as the Chief of the JCS liaison group to the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff.

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I served under General Peers for two years during World War II. The General was Commanding Officer of Detachment 101, Office of Strategic Services, India-Burma Theatre. General Peers wrote a brilliant record in Intelligence, and in covert and overt operations, in one of the most difficult assignments of World War II. I have always regarded it as a singularly good stroke of luck that I had the opportunity to serve in his command. Since ours was a small and relatively unusual outfit, I had the chance to work very closely with General Peers even though I was an enlisted man for the bulk of the war.

I am not intimately acquainted with the details of General Peers' service since the summer of 1945, but I believe many of his assignments have been in Army Intelligence. As an active Army Reserve officer in that branch, with a vital and continuing interest in the future of the Central Intelligence Agency, I feel that no man could be better qualified by reason of demonstrated competence for the post as your Deputy than William Ray Peers. I write not for myself, but from the standpoint of what is best for the security of America.

With kindest personal regards,

Most sincerely,

Clark MacGregor
Congressman Clark MacGregor

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CC: The Hon. Prescott Bush